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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, which response is being made before August 21, 2006 (August 20, 2006 being a Sunday). Enclosed is a request for a one-month extension of time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, this response is timely.

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